

As a student government leader at a university for the deaf and hard of hearing, I find myself in an office without a phone for none of us can hear or speak on a phone. This brings up the necessity of voice mail and unfortunately we have only few carriers, which shows the great need for federal funding in the area of video mail to support those same carriers in providing video mail to provide full access to leaders like me. This is basically the only way I can have a functional office, giving full access to anyone who contacts us and to our employees, who serve a community of about 1,400 deaf and hard of hearing students. If FCC believes in full access, which I know you do, fund video mail.

Thank you,

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